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for Accessing and

Addressing Services in a Distributed Computing

Environment

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Dear Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action of March 29, 2004, to further highlight why the application is in condition for allowance.

Please amend the case as listed below.